

Saint George and Saint James  
*Anglican Parish in the Borough of Queenscliffe*

**Friday Healing Eucharist at St James**

*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Liturgy of the Word***

**Wisdom 2.1, 12-22**

<sup>1</sup> For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
'Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

<sup>12</sup> 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.

<sup>13</sup> He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

<sup>14</sup> He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;

<sup>15</sup> the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.

<sup>16</sup> We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,

and boasts that God is his father.

<sup>17</sup> Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

<sup>18</sup> for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

<sup>19</sup> Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.

<sup>20</sup> Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>21</sup> Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,

<sup>22</sup> and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

**Psalm 34.15-22 (APBA p. 254)**

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of God are on the righteous:  
and his ears towards their cry.

<sup>16</sup> The Lord sets his face against wrongdoers:  
to root out their memory from the earth.

<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry; the Lord hears it:  
and frees them from all their afflictions.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is close to those who are broken-hearted:  
and the crushed in spirit he saves.

<sup>19</sup> The trials of the righteous are many:  
but our God delivers us from them all.

<sup>20</sup> He guards all our bones:  
so that not one is broken.

<sup>21</sup> Evil will slay the wicked:  
and those who hate the righteous will be destroyed.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:  
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

## John 7.25-30

<sup>25</sup> Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, 'Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill?' <sup>26</sup> And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? <sup>27</sup> Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.' <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, 'You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. <sup>29</sup> I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.' <sup>30</sup> Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come.

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